GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GREENFIELD AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the construction of grecnfield airports in various States in the country including Sikkim;

(b) whether there has been any delay in the construction of these airports particularly at Pakyong, Sikkim;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor along with the revised target for completion of the said projects, project-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for early operationalisation/ implementation of these projects?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI K. C. VENUGOPAL)

(a) Government of India has accorded `in-principle approval for the construction of 15 Greenfield airports in the country including the one at Pakyong in Sikkim. Airports Authority of India is developing the Greenfield airport at Pakyong, Sikkim.

(b) & (c): Under the Grecnfield Airports Policy, 2008, necessary action for project development, including acquisition of land, financing of the airport project, etc. is taken by the airport promoters. The time line for construction of airport projects depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure, etc. by the individual operators. The present status of all the 15 Greenfield airport including Pakyong is at Annexure-I.

(d): A Steering Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation in accordance with the Greenfield Airport Policy, 2008 to coordinate and monitor various clearances required for setting up of an airport. The Committee meets on regular basis and review the progress taken place and obstruction being faced in respect of every Greenfield airport.